Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh

4807. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the Railway Budget the Ministry has allocated sizeable funds for Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the Railway Projects in Madhya Pradesh that would be taken up;

(c) what are the areas that would be covered;

(d) what are the new railway lines that would be set up;

(e) whether any scheme for Coach Repair Workshop at Bhopal would also be undertaken;

(f) what are the other expansion projects to be undertaken during 1994-95;

(g) whether it is also a fact that a number of projects for the development of railways in Madhya Pradesh State which were forwarded have not been cleared so far;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) the reasons therefor and by when they are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects which have been given priority and have been taken up in Madhya Pradesh on Bhopal, Jhansi, Jabalpur, Nagpur, Ratlam and Bilaspur Divisions of Central, Western and South-Eastern Railways are as under :—

New Lines	Gauge Conversion	Doublings
1. Guna-Etawah rail line via Shivpuri-Gwalior-Bhind	1. Jabalpur-Gondia	1. Narmada Bridge at Hoshangabad for Double line between Bhopal & Itarsi (since completed)
2. Satna-Rewa (Since completed)	2. Nimach-Ratlam	2. Chambal Bridge (Hetampur-Gher doubling)
		3. Kiratgarh-Kala Akhar (since completed)
		4. Bilaspur-Akaltara-Third Line.
		5. Annas Bridge- Panch-Piplia Tunnel and Mahi Bridge (Panch-piplia-Mahi Bridge) (since completed)
		6. Pirumrod-Bercha and Bolai-Akodia (Bolai-Akodia-since completed)
		7. Bairagarh-Phanda
		8. Kalapipal-Phanda
		9. Maksi-Bairagarh

(e) Coach Repair Workshop at Bhopal has been constructed for midlife rehabilitation of BG coaches. No new scheme at this workshop is envisaged at present.

(f) The proposal for construction of new rail line from Dallirajhara to Jagdalpur has been sent to the Planning Commission for approval. Work will be taken up after approval of Planning Commission is received and subject to availability of resources in the coming years.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) and (i) Do not arise.

Laying of railway line between Bhadrachalam and Kovvuru, Andhra Pradesh

4808. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lay a railway line between Bhadrachalam and Kovvuru in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the survey has been conducted this year;

(c) whether the Central Government have given priority for clearing the proposal; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Constraint of resources.

Increasing ticketless travellers in trains

4809. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the ticketless travellers in the trains are increasing every year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard;

(d) the loss suffered by the Railways on this account; and

(e) what further steps are being taken by Government to check ticketless travelling ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) No separate figures regarding number of ticketless travellers are available. However, due to vigorous drive against ticketless travel undertaken by the railway, the number of persons apprehended travelling without ticket has gone up from 35 lakhs in 91-92 to 37.93 lakhs in 92-93 and 48.47 lakhs in 93-94.

(c) 1.56, 1.71 and 1.73 lakh persons were arrested/prosecuted during the years 1991-1992, 1992-93 and 1993-94, respectively.

(d) and (e) The loss on account of ticketless travel is not quantifiable. However, number of measures have been taken to curb ticketless travel which includes regular surprise/magisterial checks, publicity campaigns through various media and imposition of deterrent penalties as per the Railways Act.

Privatisation of cloak room/Bedroll services in railways

4810. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether cloak room services at railway stations and bed roll services on trains are likely to be privatised in the near future;

(b) whether a final decision has been taken in this regard; and

(c) If so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken as yet.

(c) Does not arise.